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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **PYRIDAZINONE-DERIVATIVES AS PDE4 INHIBITORS****PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-8, 10 and 12-13, cancel claims 9 and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein, and add new claims 14-16 as outlined in Appendix A entitled "Claim Amendments", attached herewith.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please enter the Abstract of the Disclosure as outlined in Appendix B, attached herewith.